(iii) The Cochin Municipal Act (Amendment) Bill

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Public Works)*: I move that the Cochin Municipal Act (Amendment) Bill be read in Council.

Mr. M. Sivarama Mnenon *(Advocate-General)*: I second it.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Public Works)*: The reason for this Act is the same as the previous one. Laundries may be included in this Bill also.

Motion put and carried

Secretary to the Council: The title of the Bill is the Cochin Municipal Act (Amendment) Bill.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Public Works)*: I request that S. O.-32 may be suspended and this Bill be taken into consideration now.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: I second it.

Mr. Panel Chairman: Standing Order No. 32 is suspended.

Clause 2.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: I move that "laundries" may be included after the word "Boarding houses".

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health)*: I second it.

Clause 2 as amendment put and carried. Clause 1 and title put and carried

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Public Works)*: I move that the Bill be taken up for consideration and finally passed to-morrow.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: I second it.

IV. Resolution (Non-Official)

Mrs. T. Francis *(Ernakulam-Women)*: Sir, I am just continuing. I have a right to the second resolution because that was agreed last time when the time came and the Chief Secretary to the Government of Cochin requested me to wait for this session and the Chief Seceretary agreed that he would allow me to move it in this session. So it comes as the first. I beg to move the following resolution:

This Council.....

V. Point of Order

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Sir, I rise on a point of order for the simple reason that in support of this point of order I am referring to the observations made by the Hon'ble Chair last morning with reference to a discussion of the agenda. Strictly implementing the promise that the Hon'ble Chief Secretary whether he is the leader of the House or not as observed here, now it has been implemented by putting it up as the first in the agenda. He stands exonerated from the promise that he has made. Very good. Then comes the other also previously ballotted and comes as the second which happens to have been moved last time and it was in the course of the discussion that we stopped—please refer to page 252 of the Council Proceedings, Part 5, Volume IV, Sixth Series. Mrs. Francis in reply to the Hon'ble Minister for Food and Education who butted in when the discussion was going on. It was ordered last time. Mr. P. Govinda Menon, Minister for Food and Education, said: "A woman who is not in service. How can the Government impose a ban on a person who is not in Government service. This can be done only by making an appropriate amendment in the Legislative Council rules. There is nothing in the Electoral rules which says that wives of Government servants are disqualified from standing as candidates for election to the Legislative Council. Now, therefore, Sir, resolution No. 2 was a resolution which was under discussion when this House rose at the first Legislative meeting. What the Hon'ble Chair with reference to the adjournment motion upon that vital question, namely, the food question, after ascertaining the views of the House, has observed is I find from the copy of the speeches received for my correction, this. Before we proceed, Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan has asked me to give him special facilities to move the following motion that 'the Food Question in the State be taken into consideration'. Hon'ble Members have ballotted for the resolutions which have been given notice of and Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan's

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APPENDIX III

THE COCHIN PANCHAYATS ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL

Preamble.—Whereas it is expedient to amend the Cochin Panchayats Act, XX of 1120, it is hereby enacted as follows.—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— This Act may be called the Cochin Panchayats (Amendment) Act, of 112 , and it shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of section 64.*—In section 64 of the Cochin Panchayats Act, XX of 1120.—

(*a*) The words " being purposes which, in the opinion of Government, are likely to be offensive or dangerous to human life or health or property ", shall be deleted, and

(*b*) After the words " specified in such license " the following shall be added.—

" and where the license is for keeping hotels, restaurants, eating houses, coffee houses, boarding houses or running barber saloons, the license shall always contain a condition that admission and service therein shall not be denied or restricted on the ground that he belongs to a particular caste or creed ".

Statement of Objects and Reasons

In order to give effect to the proposal that no person should be denied admission or refused to be served in restaurants, eating houses, boarding houses, saloons, etc. on the ground that he belongs to any particular caste or creed, it is necessary to amend the Cochin Panchayats Act and provide that the licenses issued in that behalf shall always contain a compulsory provision that no discrimination will be made on that ground. Hence the Bill.

APPENDIX IV

THE COCHIN MUNICIPAL ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL

Preamble.—Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Cochin Municipal Act, XVIII of 1113, it is hereby enacted as follows.—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— This Act may be called the Cochin Municipal (Amendment) Act, of 112 , and it shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of section 255.*—In sub-section (1) of section 255 of the Cochin Municipal Act, XVIII of 1113, after the words " the conditions specified therein " the following shall be added.—

" and where the license is for keeping hotels, restaurants, eating houses, coffee houses, boarding houses or running barber saloons, the license issued by the executive authority shall always contain and be deemed to contain a condition that admission and service therein shall not be denied or restricted to any person on the ground that he belongs to a particular caste or creed ".

Statement of Objects and Reasons

In order to give effect to the proposal that no person should be denied admission or refused to be served in restaurants, eating houses, boarding houses, saloons, etc., on the ground that he belongs to any particular caste or creed, it is necessary to amend the Cochin Municipal Act and provide that the licenses issued in that behalf shall always contain a compulsory provision that no discrimination will be made on that ground. Hence the Bill.

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